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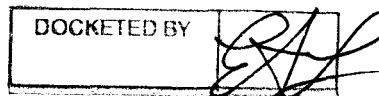
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RE: Docket No. W-01445A-12-0348 - System Improvement Benefits (SIB)  
Surcharge for Replacing Aging and Failing Water Infrastructure

To the Honorable Chairman Stump and Fellow Commissioners:

The Pinewood Fire District Board of Directors and Administration supports the Arizona Corporation Commission's effort to help water utilities replace aging and failing water infrastructure and the SIB surcharge mechanism.

This infrastructure update will not only ensure that our community will continue to have an uninterrupted supply of clean drinking water, but will provide needed fire flow increases during the replacement of undersized mains that feed our fire hydrants. Due to the extreme fire danger from overgrown and untended national forest properties surrounding Munds Park, the threat to our community from conflagration is of constant concern.

The SIB mechanism provides an opportunity to upgrade an aging water system so that our firefighters can perform their job safely and efficiently, and it fits hand-in-hand with our other community emergency preparedness projects.

Yours in life safety,

Richard Drinen, Chairman of the Board

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